

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 30, 1955

The regular meeting of the Board opened at 4:10 o'clock.

Members present: Mr. Felts, presiding; Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Ridgley, Messrs. Blackford and Rollins.

The minutes of the previous meeting stood approved as read.

The motion was made by Mrs. Ridgley, seconded by Mrs. Bailey and unanimously passed that August bills for operation totaling \$1,101.29, payroll \$7,158.45 a grand total of \$8,259.74 and for September for operation \$2,183.20, payroll \$7,127.93 a grand total of \$9,311.13 be paid. All voted "aye".

The Librarian was instructed to investigate the charge of \$80.00 for delivery of the Bookmobile from Chicago to Decatur where Gerstanslager will take it for its final checking.

The Librarian asked the Board's reaction to Gerstanslager's request that the Bookmobile be routed through Evansville, Indiana so that it could be exhibited to the Librarian and Trustees. Mr. Wyer said that any expense in routing it through that city would be paid by his company. The members agreed to permit this.

The Librarian asked permission to pay the Available Truck Company's bill of \$4,135.00 for the chassis as soon as it was Ok'd by Mr. Wyer. The Board agreed to do so.

The financial statement relative to the expenses of the new Bookmobile and remodeling of the area under the Youth Room was discussed in detail. The Librarian hopes that with care no anticipation warrants need be sought until April or May, 1956.

Exhibiting the Bookmobile in Central Park was discussed with the possibility of having both vehicles on display with special groups of women (from South Shores, etc.) as hostesses. Mrs. Ridgley suggested a T. V. show as part of the publicity.

The Librarian read a petition from Mrs. McNabb, Head of Extension, for permission to have Evans Branch open on Wednesday afternoons for a Pre-School Story Hour. After discussion it was decided to lay the request on the table in view of the uncertainty of the Branch's future.

It was reported that Mr. Joseph Giganti and an Assistant from the Terminix Co. of Springfield inspected the main building basement on August 9th and found no visible signs of termites.

The Librarian asked permission to buy one hundred folding chairs since, with the withdrawal of the old ones, we had none in the public meeting room. She was instructed to investigate prices.

Mrs. Ridgley brought up the possibility of buying a new desk for the Librarian and putting her present desk in the new Extension Room. It was so agreed.

A discussion took place regarding the Library requesting music records as gifts. It was agreed that gifts might be sought if the appeals were not too blunt.

The members agreed that it would be pleasant to have breakfast some morning with the Staff and the Librarian was instructed to make arrangements.

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It was agreed that travel expenses plus \$10.00 per diem be paid to send the four Assistants who were interested in addition to the Librarian to the I.L.A. convention in Chicago next month.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary